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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ASBESTOS COMPANY FECO

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1. WE ARE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN ASBESTOS COMPANY IN SOUTH AFRICA NAMED FECO (REFTEL). WE APPROACHED THE QUESTION ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE NAME, FECO, MAY BE EITHER A FULL, FORMAL TITLE OR AN ACRONYM AND THAT FECO MAY BE EITHER THE PRINCIPAL COMPANY OR A SUBSIDIARY OR DIVISION OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION (POSSIBLY UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME). WE HAVE CHECKED OUR ENTIRE MINERALS-FIRM LISTINGS, COMMERCIAL LISTINGS IN THE CONSULATE AND GENERAL DIRECTORIES. WE INCLUDED IN THIS SEARCH, WITHOUT SUCCESS, THE BLS COUNTRIES, NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. FURTHER, DISCREET INQUIRIES MADE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINERALS BUREAU ASBESTOS SPECIALIST, E.R. CORIN, CONFIRMED THAT OFFICIAL SAG MINERALS BUREAU RECORDS DO NOT (REPEAT NOT) LIST AN ASBESTOS (OR OTHER MINERAL OR METAL) MINING COMPANY, PRODUCT MANUFACTURER OR SALES OUTLET OPERATING

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UNDER THE FECO NAME IN SOUTH AFRICA OR IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THE CURRENT ROSTER OF SOUTH AFRICAN ASBESTOS MINING COMPANIES IS GIVEN ON PAGE 16 OF JOHANNESBURG A-05.

2. WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO ATTEMPT TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN FURNISH

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